# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PLANNING
# LOK SABHA

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INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURE CONSUMER AND SOCIAL SECTOR
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**Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government propose to invest in infrastructure, consumer and social sectors and encourage private sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken any policy decision in this regard;

(d) if so, the sectors wherein investment is likely to be made; and

(e) if not, the time by which a decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES & PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER O STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) & (b): The Approach Paper to the Tenth Five Year Plan envisages that the industrial growth of the economy will be largely dependent on the performance of the private sector and our policy must, therefore, provide a conducive environment for such growth. In such a context, the Government has a very important role but a different one from that envisaged in the past. In the areas of social sectors its role will clearly have to increase. In the sphere of infrastructure development, government`s role will have to increase in areas like rural infrastructure and road development, which are unlikely to attract private investment. In areas, where gaps are large and private sector cannot be expected to step in significantly, government`s role may have to be restructured. In other areas of infrastructure development like telecommunications, power, ports, etc., the private sector can play a much larger role provided an appropriate policy framework is in place.

(c) to (e): The Tenth Five Year Plan, which is likely to contain some of the policy recommendations in this regard, is yet to be formulated.